

(From Singapore Papers.

THE BEHRING'S SEA DIFFICULTY.
London, Jan. 28th.—The United States Attorney General has filed an answer in the *Sayward* case and maintains that the seizure of the vessel was legal, and that the Washington Court has no power to annul the decision of the Sitka Court; the jurisdiction of the latter depends on the extent of the domain of the United States in Behring's Sea and that is a political question.

GERMANY AND THE STRAITS OF MALACCA.

Sir James Fergusson has denied that Germany is trying to obtain the cession of a Siamese port in the territory to the North of Penang.

[It is suggested that the question to which Sir James Fergusson replied is based on much the same idle rumour as those which caused Sir Andrew Clarke to make an alarmist speech on 29th June 1890, at a Straits Settlements dinner.]

ANGLO-PORTUGUESE CONVENTION.

Sir James Forgeson says that recent events render it improbable that the Government will agree to any future convention as favouring the Portuguese claims to the south of the Zambesi.

DEBATE IN THE REICHSTAG.
During the debate on the silver question in the Reichstag the Government declared that a change in the standard was unnecessary.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—Strathdon, Dec. 1
Athens, 19; Stenlar, 30; Tellus, Jan.
6; Collingham, 9; Patroclus, Strat-
ford, 13; Naples, 16; Jason, Teu-
colum, 23; Glegole, Neckar, Ham-
shire, Benarig, 29; Daphne, Inn-

HOMEWARD BOUND.—Yorkshire, Jan.
Dusentry, 9; Glamorganshire, 13; El-
tra, Monmouthshire, Glengarry, Hect-
14; Achilles, Frigg, Orsten, 20; Te-
mon, 23; Cyclops, Djemnah, Shanghai
Yorkshire, Thames, 29.

The F. M. S. Co.'s s. s. *City of Panama*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of Jan. leaves Yokohama on Wednesday, 4th Feb., at midnight, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, 10th Feb.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Natal*, with French mail of Jan. 8, left Singapore, Malacca, February 5, at 6.30 a.

on Thursday, February 9, at 10 a. m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, February 12. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Dec. 4.

The Canadian Pacific s. s. *Adyastina* Vancouver for Japan, &c., on the 2 Jan.

The O. S. Co.'s steamship *Nestor*, from
Liverpool, left Singapore on the
Feb., and may be expected here on
about the 8th Feb.

The s. s. *Japan*, with mails, &c., from
cutta, left Singapore on the 5th Feb
and may be expected here on or ab
the 12th Feb.

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The P. and O. Co.'s steamship *Canton*
Singapore on 6th February, at 6
and may be expected here on or a
the 13th. Feb.

The P. & O. steamship *Nizam* left Hong
Kong for this port on the 4th Feb., at 9

4.50 We are requested to state that Lady
5.00 Vaux's Fancy-dress ball, which was to
7.50 taken place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst.
2.00 will be held on Tuesday next, the 10th
Bot. being the only available day previous

1.10	Lent.	—
1.25		—
1.50	The Post and Money Order Offices w entirely closed on Monday, the 9th	
2.00	The Night Box will be left open.	

0.75 A Pick-up cricket match will be
menced to-morrow at 11 a.m. Men
wishing to play will please be
0.75 ground at that hour.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. C.

0.75 forms us that the Company's s. s. C
left Singapore for this port at 6 s.
day; and that the Company's s. s.
1.00 left Bombay for Singapore and this p
9 p.m. on the 4th inst.

0.75 Dook was walking along Bonham
1.00 yesterday with a two-hundred-and
1.10 dollar diamond ring on one of his
cratic fingers, when a low coolie
him and asked for a loan of \$20, a
being refused, tried to take possession

the ring, but was promptly arrested brought before Mr Wodehouse in the Police Court this morning. His Worship apparently had his 'deots' about the matter and merely bound the coolie over the peace.

1.00
Gallon. We regret to have to record the
Inspector J. C. Swanston, of the Ho
Police, which occurred at No. 2
Station early this morning. In
Swanston had been in weak health

considerable length of time, but being of indomitable spirit he stuck to the list, only giving up his work a few days ago, when he was too ill to get up. Pleurisy was the immediate cause of death. Mr Swanston, who was a n

1891. Police when a mere boy and came to Hong Kong in January, 1872. He was a untiring energy, and throughout the of his nineteen years' service in the Hong Kong Police he was never known

performance of it. His death, at comparatively early age of 38 years, regretted by every member of the and deep sympathy is felt for his children. The funeral, which took place on Monday, was very largely attended.

afternoon, was very largely attended by officers and men of the Police Force, by members of the United Service Club, John's Lodges of Freemasons, of the Odd Fellows, and of the various societies of the parish, to which lodges Mr Swanton was a member.

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for
SAN FRANCISCO, via YOKOHAMA, on
SATURDAY, the 15th February, 1891, at
11 a.m., taking Passengers and Freight for
Europe, the United States, and Japan.
Through bills of lading issued for trans-
shipment to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Indian Oceans of the United States, via
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Hongkong, January 23, 1891. 150

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NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA.
LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON THURSDAY, the 12th February,
1891, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
SAGHALLIEN, Commandant HOMER,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above place.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London, as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the
11th February, 1891. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)
Contents and values of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
H. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 29, 1891. 202

Insurances.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE
ASSURANCE SOCIETY
OF THE
UNITED STATES.
RUSSELL & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, November 14, 1890. 1964

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.
THE Underwritten Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
H. MORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

Intimations.

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